

CHIPS AND SPLINTS

FROM GOVERNMENT WORKSHOPS

Confirmation of Commissioner West and Others—
Cabinet Session—Appointments—Bills Ap-
proved—Contracts Awarded—Com-
mittee Work of Both Houses

The Treasury Department has purchased \$149,000 worth of silver for delivery at the commission of the President.

Frederick J. Brewster, of Maryland, as counsel for the United States before the French and American Claims Commission.

The receipts from internal revenue taxes were \$508,503.43, and from customs, \$131,908.22. The national bank notes received for redemption were \$1,000,000.

Attorney General Brewster is slightly indisposed and has not been able to perform his official duties for several days. He did not attend the cabinet meeting yesterday.

It is said that Secretary Teller will, after tomorrow that the Interior Department be closed each afternoon at 4 o'clock during the heated term, when there will be no other departmental business.

To-day is the last day for the filing of claims before the Spanish-American Claims Commission.

A large number of petitions were filed yesterday.

The commission will hold its next meeting October 2.

Cabinet meeting yesterday did no business of importance.

Following an attempt to an inquiry by the President, the Secretary of State said that he had had no further news of the situation in Algeria. Egypt, that had already appeared in the news.

The Senate in executive session yesterday confirmed the following nominations: John B. West as Commissioner of the District of Columbia; William W. Foster as register of land offices; and John Cary, to be register of land offices.

There was a roll call on the question of confirming the nomination of John B. West as District Commissioner. The vote was 60 yeas and 30 nays.

There was a strict party vote. The Republicans against Democrats.

The preceding the vote was very brief, and turned out to be a very close one.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs has considered, without conclusion, the pending

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Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, yesterday introduced a joint resolution making it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$500 and dismissal from office, for any officer of the United States government—civil, military, or naval—to make any discrimination in favor of or against any school of medicine, pharmacy, or its legal diplomas, or its duly graduated members, in the examination or appointment of candidates for medical service in any department of the government.

to warrant the belief that a quorum of Republicans, Republican-Greenback, and Independent representatives will be present on Tuesday next. Members of the Republican caucus committee of the order of business said last night that should such quorum be in attendance the South Carolina contested election case of Small vs. Tillman will probably be taken up for consideration.

A meeting was held last evening at the residence of Hon. R. C. Quinby, chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, between the representatives of the various ocean steamship companies oratees of the new bill regulating the carriage of passengers by sea introduced by Mr. J. W. Aldrich, of New York, and the advocates of the present law. The latter were represented by Messrs. J. W. Aldrich, of New York, and the advocates of the present law. The latter were represented by Messrs. J. W. Aldrich, of New York, and the advocates of the present law.

The conference committee on the legislative-executive, and judicial appropriation bill must meet tomorrow afternoon, but failed to reach an agreement on the section of the bill which proposes to transfer the Army records of soldiers from the files of the Army General to the files of the War Department.

The Committee on Commerce has directed a series of these reports to be made to the House on the following subjects: Establishing a board of steamboat inspectors; increasing the number of inspectors; increasing the salaries of the employees of the House and Senate, and the section which grants pensions; increasing the salary of the Secretary of the Navy for the use of his department; a portion of the south wing of the building now occupied by the State Department. The committee confers will report their disagreement to the House, and ask for a vote of that body upon the sections in controversy.

reduce the salaries of local inspectors of steam vessels at New London, Conn.; to create a district of the inspection of hulls and boilers of steam vessels at New Haven; proposing to attach to the district of each supervising inspector a lieutenant not below the grade of lieutenant-commander to visit the vessels of the respective districts once in every three months, and a bill providing for the appointment of assistant inspectors of steam vessels in a manner similar to the appointment of local inspectors, requiring them

The subcommittee of the House Committee on Elections, in charge of the Missouri contested election case of Seewaldhaus against Frost, held another meeting yesterday, but did not dispose of the case. The full committee of the House Committee on Elections will meet on Tuesday next when it is thought that the contested election cases of Buchannan vs. Manning (Miss. App.), Lee vs. Richardson (South Carolina), Anderson vs. Reed (Maine), and Stovell vs. Cabell (Virginia)

The committee was submitted to the House, recommending that Mr. Witherspoon, the contestant in the Florida case of Witherspoon vs. Day, should be granted leave to withdraw his papers without prejudice, which virtually left the contestant in undisputed possession of the seat. It is now thought quite probable by members of the committee that before final adjournment a resolution will be introduced in the House proposing the appointment of a special committee to proceed to Florida for the purpose of thoroughly investigating the alleged irregularities of the election.

The Senate Appropriations Committee reported the House Naval appropriation bill back to the Senate yesterday with a number of amendments. The following are the principal changes: At least one graduate shall be appointed each year, even if there are no vacancies. The medical staff to comprise 149 surgeons, 50 of first-class, and 99 of second and third classes, to rank as surgeons' assistants, and assistants do now. The pay for surgeons is \$4,000 a year, and for assistants, \$3,000.

...to be 60 years of age and to have attained (fixing the number in grade, the retirement laws shall apply to the admiral and vice-admiral at 64 years, the admiral to retire on full pay, and promote a rear admiral if it is repealed. The clause relating to commodore to take effect on the age of the admiral, the clause reducing the lieutenant's list to 200 is stricken out, and a clause proposed that only one-third of all vacancies below the grade of commodore shall be filled by promotion, until the list in these grades is reduced to 600, at which time the

Michigan Republican Association.
A meeting of the Michigan Republican Association was held last night; the president, Z. Moore, presided. A motion was adopted, (unanimously) to the effect that the following resolutions be adopted:

by its circular asking for subscriptions. A committee was appointed to inquire into the appointment charged to the State, and whether the same is a voter or resident of the State.